

Title (en)
Optical multiplexer having flat passbands

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Optischer Multiplexer mit flacher Durchlasscharakteristik

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Abstract (en)
A wave division multiplexer (WDM) 500 includes a pair or star couplers 1, 2 that are interconnected by a grating 50 having a number of unequal-length waveguides. One group 501 of the unequal-length waveguides has lengths that differ from each other by multiples of a predetermined length (ΔL_1), while another group 502 has lengths that differ from each other by multiples of a different predetermined length (ΔL_2). In a preferred embodiment, the two groups of waveguides are interleaved, and the following equations apply: $L_1 = L_0 + m \Delta L_1$ where L_0 is the length of a central waveguide 51 in the grating. In another embodiment, the group 1 waveguides are positioned on one side of the central waveguide while the group 2 waveguides are positioned on the other side of the central waveguide. In this embodiment, the following equations apply: $L_2 = L_0 + n \Delta L_2$ In both embodiments, the passbands of the WDM are flatter than conventional Gaussian passbands associated with such devices. <IMAGE>

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